

ABSTRACT

**[0063]** This invention relates to a yoke assembly (156) adapted for use in a rack and pinion steering gear assembly (10) for a vehicle. The yoke assembly (156) includes a yoke housing (302) having a bore (304). The bore (304) defines an inner surface (307). A bearing (320) is disposed in the bore (304), the bearing (320) defining an outer surface (322). A ring (324) is also disposed in the bore (304). The ring (324) includes an inner contact surface (334, 336) and an outer contact surface (338). The inner contact surface (334, 336) engages at least a portion of the inner surface (307) of the bore (304) and the outer contact surface (338) engages at least a portion of the outer surface (322) of the bearing (320).